



LIBRARY NEWS

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What's New?

Community Displays

Wondering what to read next? Check out the 2021 reading recommendations from the employees of Norfolk Public Library. December's book display features library staff picks. Then take a look at our community display cases filled with creative woodcarvings by local artists.

Good Cents

"Take a Penny, Leave a Penny" dishes have been located at the Service Desk and by the public printer in the library. These may be used by patrons who wish to



leave some extra change for the next person, or by those who may find themselves a bit short.

New Audiobooks

For those of you who like to listen while you work, cook, exercise or travel, we have added several new audiobooks to our collection: *Gated Prey* by Lee Goldberg, *Mercy* by David Baldacci, *Flying Angels* by Danielle Steel, *Oh William!* by Elizabeth Strout, *Last Girl Ghosted* by Lisa Unger, *The Unheard* by Nicci French, *The Judge's List* by John Grisham and *The Sentence* by Louise Erdrich.

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If you would like to receive this newsletter by email each month, visit our website and sign up under "Helpful Links."

LIBRARY HOURS:

9:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. Monday – Thursday

9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Friday and Saturday

1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Sunday

Phone: 402-844-2100

www.norfolkne.gov/library



Check It Out!



Checkouts for December

Audiobooks

The Santa Suit by Mary Kay Andrews

The Christmas Bookshop by Jenny Colgan

The Christmas Promise by Richard Paul Evans

Dear Santa by Debbie Macomber

The Christmas Wedding Guest
by Susan Mallery

Keep Me Warm at Christmas by Brenda Novak

Best in Snow by David Rosenfelt

Sleigh Bells Ring by RaeAnne Thayne

Adult Fiction

A Magical New York Christmas
by Anita Hughes

Santa Cruise by Fern Michaels

Once in a Lifetime by Mary Monroe

Always in December by Emily Stone

Under the Texas Mistletoe by Karen Witemeyer

Adult Nonfiction

Christmas with Southern Living

We Are Santa by Ron Cooper

A Cowboy Christmas by Shanna Hatfield

Calm Christmas and a Happy New Year
by Beth Kempton

Chicken Soup for the Soul: Christmas Is in the Air compiled by Amy Newmark

The Atlas of Christmas by Alex Palmer

Movies

Beauty & the Beast: The Enchanted Christmas

A Frozen Christmas Carol

A Gift from Bob

Grumpy Cat's Worst Christmas Ever

It's a Very Merry Muppet Christmas Movie

Last Christmas

Prancer Returns

Shrek the Halls



Upcoming Programs



Winter Reading Challenge



Read away the winter doldrums with the Norfolk Public Library!

How It Works

Stop by the Norfolk Public Library between December 15 and February 1 to register and receive your Challenge Log, or sign up online and print your own form. Keep track of the titles you read in each of the categories listed on the sheet.

Bring your completed Challenge Log to the library between February 1 and March 11 to receive your Winter Reading Challenge prize!

Be a Winner!

Complete any 5 categories to be a winner and receive your prize pack.

Complete all 10 categories and receive your prize pack AND a Norfolk Public Library reading journal!

Questions?

For more information, contact Anneka at 402-844-2100 or aramirez@norfolkne.gov.



"The color of winter is in the imagination." ~ Terri Guillemets

"To appreciate the beauty of a snowflake, it is necessary to stand out in the cold."

~ Aristotle

Winter Craft Kits To-Go



Beginning December 10 (while supplies last)

Get ready for the holidays with these fun and creative craft kits. Each kit contains materials for one complete craft.

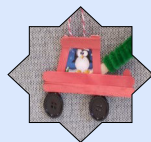
Adult Craft



The adult craft is a gnome bottle topper. Glue and scissors will be required but are not included in the kit.

Kids' Craft

The kids' craft is a "little red truck" ornament. Glue will be required but is not included.



Kits are available inside the library or at the drive-up service window.

Please limit quantities to the needs of your individual family.

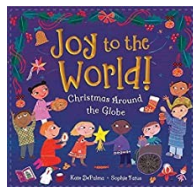
New Juvenile Picture Books



Santa Jaws
by Bridget Heos



Grand Jeté and Me
by Allegra Kent



Joy to the World!
by Kate DePalma

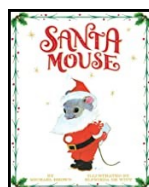
New Juvenile Board Books



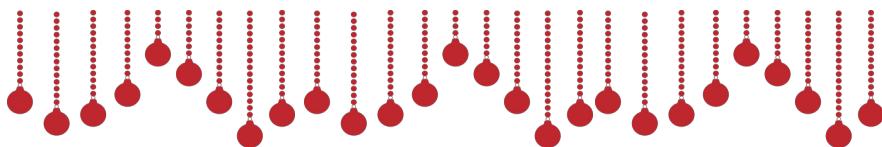
All I Want for Christmas Is Ewe
by Rose Rossner



You're My Little Christmas Cookie
by Nicola Edwards



Santa Mouse
by Michael Brown



Exploring the Past at NPL



The New Building



The Old Building

We really love these new photo collections that trace the history of the public library in Norfolk. Come check them out in the library's lobby area!

Youth Programs



STORYTIME: Infants through age 8 are invited to enjoy a fun combination of books, songs, Spanish language experiences, storytelling, finger plays, poems, puppets, and creative early language and literacy activities on Thursdays at 1:30 p.m. and Fridays at 10:00 a.m. Storytime is a great way to begin library visits and literary experiences. Meets in the Children's Activity Room. *(Please note: There will be no Storytime on December 24 and 31.)*

YOUNG ADULT BOOK CLUB: Saturday, December 11, at 2:30 p.m. Young Adult Book Club is for any teenager who loves to read and talk about books. Group members select what books they want to read. Newcomers are always welcome. Contact Jessie in the Youth Services Department at 402-844-2100 or jroberts@norfolkne.gov for more information. This month's book is *The Bridge Home* by Padma Venkatraman. Meets in the Children's Activity Room.

LEGO® CLUB: Monday, December 6, from 3:45-4:45 p.m. For those in kindergarten through 6th grade, this is a fun and creative opportunity to build imaginative, new projects using the library's LEGO® collection. Meets in the Children's Activity Room.

GOLDEN SOWER BOOK CLUB: Monday, December 20, at 4:00 p.m. This is a book club for ages 8-12 whose reading selections come from titles nominated for the Golden Sower Award, Nebraska's Children's Choice Literary Award. All books are provided by the library, and newcomers are always welcome. Contact Jessie in the Youth Services Department at 402-844-2100 or jroberts@norfolkne.gov for more information. This month's book is *Because of the Rabbit* by Cynthia Lord. Meets in the Children's Activity Room.

1,000 BOOKS BEFORE KINDERGARTEN:

Reading 1,000 books to your child before kindergarten is a fun and rewarding way to instill an early love of reading. Any child from birth until kindergarten can participate. Completion will take from a few months to a few years, depending on how often you read. The program is designed to equip parents with the tools needed to instill a love of reading, introduce the skills to get ready to read and generate an appreciation of the library. Earn free books along the way. The concept is simple, but the rewards are priceless!



Wooden Ornament Creation Workshop

December 13—6:00 p.m. OR December 14—10:00 a.m.



Use the Laser Cutter to engrave and cut a customizable wooden ornament.

Class sizes are limited and registration is required. Call the library at 402-844-2100 or register online via our event calendar.

No previous experience needed!

Classic Poetry



The Reading Mother

by Strickland Gillilan



I had a mother who read to me
Sagas of pirates who scoured the sea,
Cutlasses clenched in their yellow teeth,
"Blackbirds" stowed in the hold beneath.

I had a Mother who read me lays
Of ancient and gallant and golden days;
Stories of Marmion and Ivanhoe,
Which every boy has a right to know.

I had a Mother who read me tales
Of Gelert the hound of the hills of Wales,
True to his trust till his tragic death,
Faithfulness blent with his final breath.

I had a Mother who read me the things
That wholesome life to the boy heart brings—
Stories that stir with an upward touch,
Oh, that each mother of boys were such!

You may have tangible wealth untold;
Caskets of jewels and coffers of gold.
Richer than I you can never be—
I had a Mother who read to me.

Movie Night at the Library

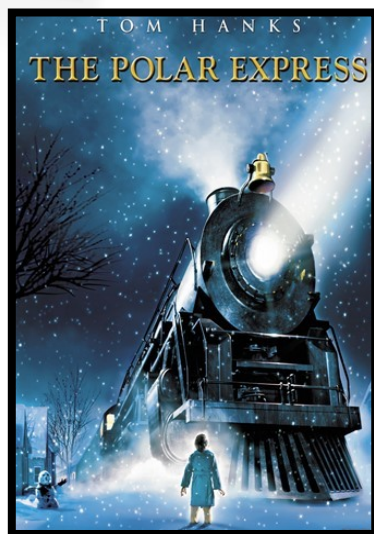
Dec. 7—6:00 p.m.
The Polar Express

Featuring Tom Hanks, Daryl Sabara and Nona Gaye

Directed by Robert Zemeckis

Rated G 1 Hour 40 Minutes

(Feel free to bring blankets, cozies and snacks. All ages are welcome.)



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Monthly Programs



KNOT JUST KNITTERS: Saturdays, December 4 and 18, at 2:30 p.m. This is a group for knitting and crocheting enthusiasts of all ages and experience levels. Bring a project to work on and enjoy learning from each other and making new friends. Newcomers are always welcome. Contact Karen at 402-844-2100 or kdrevo@norfolkne.gov for more information. Meets in Meeting Room A.

CREATIVE COLORING: Enjoy an hour of relaxing coloring every Monday at 2:00 p.m. The library provides coloring pencils and lots of coloring pages and books. Newcomers are always welcome. Meets in Meeting Room A.

TUESDAY NIGHT BOOK CLUB: For adults, contact Jessica at 402-844-2100 or jchamberlain@norfolkne.gov for more information. Newcomers are always welcome. The Tuesday Night Book Club will not meet in December. The next meeting will be in Meeting Room C on January 25 to discuss *A Week in Winter* by Maeve Binchy.

WEDNESDAY MORNING BOOK CLUB: December 29 at 10:00 a.m. For adults, contact Karen at 402-844-2100 or kdrevo@norfolkne.gov for more information. Newcomers are always welcome. Meets in Meeting Room A. This month's book is *H Is for Hawk* by Helen Macdonald.

20s & 30s BOOK CLUB: December 30 at 6:30 p.m. This book club is designed for those in their 20s and 30s. Please contact Anneka at 402-844-2100 or aramirez@norfolkne.gov for more information. Newcomers are always welcome. This month's book is *Milkman* by Anna Burns.

Changes by Janet Seegebarth

new employee at the library. Amy will be taking over the newsletter starting next month, so there may be some changes, but it will be exciting to see new perspectives in graphic design, programming, marketing and work flow.


While I have particularly enjoyed compiling this newsletter every month, I am looking forward to working more on collections development and implementing new library cataloging tools and analytics.

Change is inevitable, but it brings about new opportunities and provides the fuel to keep us moving forward and experiencing new things.





December 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Scheduled programs could change due to circumstances beyond our control.			1	2 <u>Storytime @</u> 1:30 P.M.	3 <u>Storytime @</u> 10:00 A.M.	4 <u>Knot Just Knitters @</u> 2:30 P.M.
5	6 <u>Creative Coloring @</u> 2:00 P.M. LEGO® Club @ 3:45 P.M. (Grades K-6th)	7 <u>Movie: The Polar Express</u> (@ 6:00 P.M. Rated G	8	9 <u>Storytime @</u> 1:30 P.M.	10 <u>Storytime @</u> 10:00 A.M. <u>Winter Craft Kits To-Go Pickup</u>	11 <u>Young Adult Book Club @</u> 2:30 P.M.
12	13 <u>Creative Coloring @</u> 2:00 P.M. <u>Wooden Ornament Creation Workshop @</u> 6:00 P.M. (sign-up required)	14 <u>Wooden Ornament Creation Workshop @</u> 10:00 A.M. (sign-up required)	15 <u>Winter Reading Challenge Sign-Up Begins</u>	16 <u>Storytime @</u> 1:30 P.M.	17 <u>Storytime @</u> 10:00 A.M.	18 <u>Knot Just Knitters @</u> 2:30 P.M.
19	20 <u>Creative Coloring @</u> 2:00 P.M. <u>Golden Sower Book Club @</u> 4:00 P.M.	21	22	23 <u>Storytime @</u> 1:30 P.M.	24 <u>LIBRARY CLOSED</u>	25 <u>LIBRARY CLOSED</u> 
26 <u>LIBRARY CLOSED</u>	27 <u>Creative Coloring @</u> 2:00 P.M.	28	29 <u>Wednesday Morning Book Club @</u> 10:00 A.M.	30 <u>Storytime @</u> 1:30 P.M. <u>20s & 30s Book Club @</u> 6:30 P.M.	31 <u>LIBRARY CLOSING @</u> 5:00 P.M.	<u>January 1</u> <u>LIBRARY CLOSED</u> 